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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2164**

**PATENT**  
5760-19800/VRTS0608

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: Expiration of Access Tokens for Quiescing a Distributed System

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 31, 2008

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 31, 2008, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.